

(Washington, DC)- Today Congresswoman Gwen Moore announced that she, along with Senators Herb Kohl and Senator Russ Feingold, has secured \$57.28 million in federal funding in the transportation and highway funding bill (H.R. 3) for Wisconsin's Fourth Congressional District. A majority of the funds received will be dedicated to the repair and expansion of the Marquette Interchange, a key linchpin in southeastern Wisconsin's freeway network. Additional funds will be dedicated to improvements to Interstate 43 and to the development of pedestrian and bicycle bridges in the Menomonee Valley.

"This funding will make possible construction and repair projects that will help my constituents get to work a little easier, a little safer, and a little faster," said Congresswoman Moore. "This funding also translates into more opportunities to get outdoors and to get across town, and more time spent out of the car and with family instead."

A total of \$50.8 million dollars of the federal funding secured in the transportation bill, comprised of \$20.8 million in High Priority Project funding and \$30 million in Projects of Regional and National Significance funding, will fund the crucial repair and expansion of the Marquette Interchange, which plays a vital role in not only Milwaukee's infrastructure, but that of the entire region as well. Most area freeways intersect at the Interchange, as it links over 300,000 vehicles each day, or roughly one-third of Wisconsin's freeway traffic, to the rest of the country. Currently, the daily number of vehicles that use the Marquette Interchange amounts to twice the traffic it was designed to carry when it was opened in 1968. Repairs will enable the Interchange to better serve the nearly 4,300 private businesses, 121,600 private jobs, and 7 million visitors that rely on the highway each year.

Interstate 43 and Port Washington Road will also experience upgrades made possible by \$4.4 million in funding and in conjunction with the Bayshore development project. New exit ramps will be added and older ramps will be rehabilitated with the intent of avoiding traffic congestion, improving safety conditions, and decreasing vehicle emissions in the vicinity of the new condos, apartments, and retail space that are being built as part of the Bayshore project. It is hoped that the Bayshore development will encourage economic growth by providing affordable housing and a new source of employment opportunities.

"On behalf of the City of Glendale, I extend my deep thanks to members of the Wisconsin federal delegation for supporting the just approved transportation funding for Glendale," said Richard Maslowski, City Administrator for the City of Glendale, where the Bayshore development is located. "Congresswoman Gwen Moore is to be commended for her leadership

in the House by having this Bayshore-related redevelopment item included in the transportation bill. Our thanks also go out to Senators Kohl and Feingold for lending their support to this important project."

Additionally, the transportation bill will provide \$2.08 million for the development of three pedestrian and bicycle bridges that will connect the Hank Aaron State Trail with a business and community park in Menomonee Valley. The city of Milwaukee is in the process of redeveloping a brownfield site which will reclaim valuable green space and establish access to residents on both the north and south sides of the Menomonee River. This redevelopment project is meant to identify and overcome barriers to re-establishing light manufacturing businesses in the valley. The pedestrian and bicycle bridges will provide access to these new employment opportunities and community recreation space.

H.R. 3 reauthorizes the federal highway, transit, and highway safety programs for the next six years. The bill passed the House this morning and is expected to pass the Senate today before going to the President's desk for his signature.

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